

The Index



94-4

A Monthly Publication of News and Events

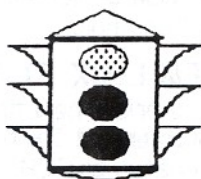
Apr. 1994

NEWS FROM TOWN HALL

CHARTER AMENDMENTS PASS The Commissioners have approved charter amendments to establish a five person Town Council in 1995 and to allow the Council to meet in closed session in strict compliance with Maryland law. An election will be held in May of 1995 to elect two council persons to a four year term. A third amendment to allow for the filling of vacancies on the Council by election instead of appointment was also agreed upon, however the clarity of some of the wording is being reviewed. These amendments are available for public inspection at the town office.

DANGEROUS INTERSECTION TO BE STUDIED

The Commissioners wish to express their appreciation for the diligence of local citizens for their work in addressing safety concerns regarding the intersection of Rt. 50 and



Rt. 565, specifically with the traffic light at that intersection. They met with Mr. Coppage of the State Highway Administration and generated a letter outlining their concerns and suggesting some alternatives to improve safety and traffic flow. The Commissioners hope to see some improvement at that intersection in the near future.

CODE CHANGES PROPOSED Water and Sewer policies in the Town Code have been studied and recommendations put forth to update and improve standards. A list of suggested changes was read at the April 6th. Town meeting. Among other things, the proposed changes would alter the way late charges are applied to delinquent water bills and require the use of certain safety devices to help protect the water supply from contamination. Interested citizens are encouraged to review these suggested improvements and submit comment as soon as possible. Action will be taken on these recommendations at the next regularly scheduled Town meeting. Copies of the list of recommendations are available at the Town Office.

STORM WATER CAUSES PROBLEMS

The Commissioners have been studying a long-standing storm water management problem in the area of Schoolhouse Farms. They hope that an economical solution will soon be found. In other areas, maintenance crews have been busy clearing ditches of debris left by recent storms.

THE IGLOOS ARE HERE!

Shoe Stop on Rt. 50 has become the new home of the 6 plastic igloos for recycling newspapers, plastic, metals (tin and aluminum), green, brown, and clear glass. The recycling station on Main Street will soon be dismantled. Everyone is encouraged to keep recycling as much as possible. The less that goes into DRJ's garbage trucks, the less our trash disposal fees will be. Plus, it's just plain good for the environment!



WASTEWATER PROPOSALS BEING EVALUATED

Nine proposals are under consideration for the contract to analyze the current wastewater system and make recommendations for the much needed upgrade. Representatives from five different engineering firms were interviewed by the commissioners during the past week. There will be a special public meeting at Town Hall on April 20th at 6:00 p.m. to award the contract.



DOGS AND CATS residents are reminded that it is unlawful to allow dogs or other animals to run at large or to permit them to constitute a public nuisance. Animals running at large are subject to capture

and disposal as provided by law. Dog licenses may be obtained from the Town Office. (476-3170)

LANDFILL COST TO INCREASE The Talbot County Council has proposed a 38% increase in the fee charged to dump our trash. Help keep your costs down. Call or write your county commissioner now!

TO BE CONTINUED..... Due to the lengthiness of the April 6th. Town Council meeting several items remaining on the agenda were postponed to a continuation meeting on April 13th at 6:00 p.m. Items remaining on the agenda included: Tax Rate- Tax Bills, A recently issued home occupation permit, Accumulation of junk and debris at a local business, Planning Ass't Grant, Appointing someone to the Planning Commission, Bids for sidewalk repair/replacement, Street paving, Budget for FY-95, Fire Dept.- donation for pumping storm water from the Lakeview lake, Plans for the annual Volunteer dinner, Home Occupation Permit request. Discussion and resolution of these items will be available in the next Index. Why not plan to attend the next town meeting and help shape our town's future?

ABOUT TOWN

50+ ATTEND SERVICES!

The Trappe Community Action Team (TCAT) & Talbot Partnership hosted an Easter Sunday Sunrise Service in the Town Park. The Reverends Hank Charlton and Joe Williams led the service, while the musical accompaniment was provided by Reverend Ellery Adams of the Rescue Team. A community breakfast followed the service. This was indeed a time of great joy in bringing various members of the Trappe community together in celebration of Easter.

SCIENCE FAIR AT WHITE MARSH White Marsh Elementary School is sponsoring a Science Fair April 25th through 28th. There will be exhibits on display demonstrating physical and life science projects during the day at the school. There will

be a PTA meeting on the evening of April 28th at 7:00 p.m. Parents and other interested people are invited to come either during the day or on the evening of the 28th to see what the children are doing in science these days!

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK Thursday, April 28th, is the national "Take Your Child To Work Day". This activity is sponsored by the Talbot Co. Chamber of Commerce and the Talbot Co. Public Schools. Children grades 4-8 may attend work with a parent or designated adult. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to get a firsthand view of what the adults do all day long and perhaps to spark an interest in a particular career for the youngster. For more information, contact either WMES at 476-3144 or EMS at 822-2910



COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST

The annual Trappe Community Prayer Breakfast will be held at Scott's United Methodist Church on May 7th.. Serving will begin at 8:00 a.m.. Dr. Webster, principal of Easton High School, and Mrs. Reeser, principal of White Marsh

Elementary School will be the guest speakers. Advance tickets (recommended) are available for \$5.00. Contact Art Ayers at Sullivan's market, Rev. Williams at Scott's U. M. Church, Rev. Hawkins at Emmanuel Wesleyan Chapel, or Pastor Hank at Trappe U. M. Church. Any money left over after expenses will go to support the women of Scott's Church. Everyone is welcome; come and enjoy the fellowship and meet these outstanding educators.

ARTICLES NEEDED FOR THE INDEX The Index welcomes short articles that are of general interest to the community. Is your church or civic group planning a special event? Do you know someone who should be recognized for an outstanding achievement? It's baseball time again! Are there any young sports writers out there? Can't write? Call Shirley Outten and give her the information (476-3364). Items need to be turned in by the end of the month for the next Index. Articles may be dropped off at Lewis Outten's office or the Town Office. Have a computer? Submit your piece on disk or send it via modem. Call 476-3939 and we will tell you how.

NEW LOOK AT TOWN HALL

The bright new flowers in the planters at Town Hall were donated by TCAT and the Talbot Partnership.



SPECIAL TRASH COLLECTION
APRIL 29

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- APR. 28** Public Meeting to award engineering contract, 6:00 p.m., at Town Hall.
Planning Commission meeting 7:00 p.m.
- APR. 25-28** Science Fair at White Marsh Elem. Sch.
- APR. 28** PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at WMES
Take your child to work day
- MAY 04** Town Council meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- MAY 07** Community Prayer Breakfast 8:00 a.m. at Scott's United Methodist Church
- MAY 18** Planning Commission meeting

The INDEX is a publication of the Trappe Town Council. We welcome contributions to the Calendar of Events and **short** articles that are of general interest to the Community. Events reported in *The Index* do not necessarily reflect the endorsement of the Town Commissioners. The Council reserves the right to edit or reject any item submitted.